

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q53854

Yukio NAKAJIMA

Group Art Unit: 2123

Appln. No.: 09/269,972 Confirmation No.: 1844

Examiner: Dwin M. Craig

Filed: April 8, 1999

For:

TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE

MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action of February 27, 2006, to July 27, 2006.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$450.00 and all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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